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Report on the investigation of the Tungabhadra scheme.

*121 Q.—Mr. A. PARASURAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any report has been received from the special officer deputed to investigate the Tungabhadra scheme; and

(b) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place it on the table of the House?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The report received from Mr. Ireland has been placed on the table in reply to question No. 120.

Proposed starting of the Boradaballi project.

*122 Q.—Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to supplement the Rushikulya project, in order to help the existing irrigation; and

(b) whether the Boradaballi or Singipuram project will be taken as a protective work in supplementing the irrigation under the Rushikulya system?

A.—(a) The Government have recently sanctioned an estimate amounting to Rs. 19,000 for improvements to the Surada reservoir so as to improve the supply to the existing ayacut.

(b) The Government await the report of the committee constituted in G.O. No. 1244 I., dated 7th June 1927, of which the hon. Member is a member.

Sriman BISWANATH DAS MAHASAYO:—"May I know, Sir, when Government expect this committee to finish its labours?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"It depends on the committee."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS MAHASAYO:—"May I know whether this committee in its first or second sitting recommended the taking up of the Boradaballi project?"

The hon Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"I do not know."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS MAHASAYO:—"May I know whether or not the proceedings of the committee were communicated to Government after each of the sittings was over?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"I assume they were not, as it is stated the Government are awaiting the report If the hon Member would table a separate question, I shall make further enquiries."

Construction of irrigation work in the Nagavalli river.

*123 Q.—Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the ryots under the Dusi Urlam Dalada channels in Chicacole division, Ganjam, agree to pay higher rate of assessment if Government undertake the construction of irrigation work in the Nagavalli river to ensure regular supply of water to the lands irrigated by the channels;

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(b) whether these channels come under the Ganjam Minor Rivers system ;

(c) if so, the total expenditure incurred up to date on the Ganjam Minor Rivers system ;

(d) what the revenue derived by Government from this system is and what percentage of return it works out on the total capital outlay on the Minor Rivers system ;

(e) whether there is an estimate of cost made for improvement of irrigation under the Dusi Urlam channels taken from the Nagavalli river by the construction of a surplus weir across the river ; and

(f) when it is proposed to be taken up ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Rupees 2,83,976 to end of 1926-27.

(d)

Gross receipts (1926-27)	Rs.	65,113
Working expenses	,,	49,655
Net revenue	,,	15,458
Return	Per cent	5·44

(e) There was a proposal to construct an anicut across the Langulya at the head of the Dusi channel. This was dropped in 1925 mainly on financial grounds.

(f) There is no present intention of reviving the scheme unless fresh facts are brought forward by the Committee constituted in 1927 of which the hon. Member is a member, The report of that Committee is awaited.

Supply of water to lands under the Urlam and Dusi channels.

* 124 Q.—Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the head-works at the mouth of the Urlam and Dusi channels are now unfit to carry sufficient water in those channels to irrigate lands under them ; and

(b) whether the Government will have the matter investigated and construct irrigation works to ensure proper supply from the river when water is low in it ?

A.—(a) There have been complaints to this effect.

(b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 123.

Recommendations of the Mettur Committee.

* 125 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased (i) to place before the Council (a) the Government Order passed on my token motion carried by the Council on 17th March 1928 for the reduction of the allotment of Rs. 235·17 lakhs for Irrigation, etc., by Rs. 100 in order to criticise the extravagance in the expenditure and the partiality shown to British machinery and plant at heavy loss to the Indian tax-payer, and to press for the election of a Council Committee to enquire into and report on the alleged extravagances and irregularities and waste and make suggestions